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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Meeting of March 22, 2005***
- III. CTAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**
 - A. CHAIR MIKE HATCHER RESIGNED** – *Appointed by Board Member Dennis C. Moss*
 - B. STEVE NOSTRAND RESIGNED** - *Appointed by Board Member Richard Steinberg*
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 Minutes Each Speaker**
- V. NOMINATIONS**
 - A. CHAIR NOMINATIONS**
 - B. FIRST VICE CHAIR NOMINATIONS**
 - C. SECOND VICE CHAIR NOMINATIONS**
- VI. ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. DRAFT RESOLUTION 6-06 RECOMMENDING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE FY 2006-2007 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**
 - B. DRAFT RESOLUTION 7-06 RECOMMENDING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE FY 2007-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) WITH THE EXCLUSION OF THE EXCLUSION OF FDOT PROJECT NUMBER 4107261 - SOUTHBOUND ON AND OFF RAMPS TO I-95 AT NORTHWEST 14TH STREET**
 - C. DRAFT RESOLUTION 8-06 RECOMMENDING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT ALTERNATIVE 5: METRORAIL EXTENSION FROM THE DADELAND SOUTH METRORAIL STATION TO FLORIDA CITY AS THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (LPA) FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS (SOUTH LINK) STUDY**
- VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. THE WALKSAFE PROGRAM: FOR MIAMI DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (DCPS)** – *Dr. Gillian Hotz*
 - B. SUNGUIDE'S SMARTRAVELER 511** – *Mike Millard*
- VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**

**IX. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO
TRANSPORTATION**

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MPO Committee Meeting Dates:

CTAC Subcommittee	5/10/06
CTAC Full Committee	5/24/06
MPO Governing Board	5/25/06
TPC	5/08/06
TPTAC	5/03/06
BPAC	5/24/06
TARC	5/03/06
FTAC	TBA

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Norman Wartman, First Vice Chair
Naomi Wright, Second Vice Chair
Rolando Acosta
Andrew Burgess
Jose Enriquez
Daniel Fils-Aime
Hudson Gaulman, Jr.
Frank Hernandez

Mario Martinez-Malo
Emma Pringle
Richard Pulido
Ramon Ramos
Paul Schwiep
Lee Swerdlin
Barbara Walters
Jeffrey Wander

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Paul Chance, MPO
Oscar Camejo, MPO
Carlos Roa, MPO
Wilson Fernandez, MPO
Mario Garcia, MDT
Maryra Diaz, MDT
Delfin Molins, PWD

Mike Millard, 511 System
Dr. Gillian Hotz, UM Trauma Center
Joseph Platnick, Citizen
Margo Platnick, Citizen
Dan Glickman, CIR

Norman Wartman, Acting Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Naomi Wright moved for the approval of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Lee Swerdlin. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ramon Ramos moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Naomi Wright. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. CTAC MEMBER UPDATE

Mike Hatcher resigned as Chair and from the CTAC. He was appointed by MPO Governing Board member Dennis C. Moss.

Steve Nostrand resigned as a CTAC member. He was appointed by MPO Governing Board Member Richard Steinberg.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

CTAC member, Ramon Ramos, updated the Committee on the completion on the bridge on SW 97 Avenue going over SR-836. Mr. Ramos suggested MDT review providing new service along this corridor. Mario Garcia, MDT Chief of Planning, confirmed that they are reviewing transportation opportunities in the area. Currently, MDT has initiated an East West Corridor Transit Study to extend Metrorail from the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) to Florida International University. There will be a station at or near SW 97 Avenue. Mr. Lee Swerdlin asked where the station at SW 107th Avenue would be placed. Mr. Garcia responded that MDT has to first resolve the issue of the alignment, whether it will be on the north or south side of SR-836. The residential neighborhoods are on the south side and the commercial/business community is on the north side. MDT is looking at how the model will project ridership based on what is there today and what is projected for the next few years. If Metrorail travels on the north side of SR-836, the station at SW 107th Avenue will be on the northwestern abutment. Mr. Ramos reminded Mr. Garcia that some years back when they were thinking about the train going that way it was understood that it was always going to be on the north side along SR-836. Mr. Garcia explained that things have changed since then and that MDX has acquired a lot of land to do their improvements. As a result, MDT will have to look at the best option and possibly make a compromise. MDT has asked the consultant to look at the implications of traveling down either side of SR-836. Mr. Ramos again stated again that the Metrorail should run on the north side. Mr. Garcia acknowledged his comment. Mr. Swerdlin stated that he would vote for the south side. Mr. Wartman commented that whichever side the Metrorail is placed an elevated sidewalk should be considered to the other side so access is provided to both sides. Mr. Garcia stated that whichever side it ends up on circulators will have to be used to move people from one side to the other because there is a very strong job market on the south side and a large residential area on the north side and MDT needs to serve both. Unfortunately, the middle of SR-836 is the worst alignment, because MDT would have to build pedestrian bridges from both sides and MDX may not agree to a station in the middle of SR-836.

V. NOMINATIONS

The following members accepted nominations for CTAC Officer positions during the meeting:

- **CHAIR NOMINATIONS**
 - a. Norman Wartman
- **FIRST VICE CHAIR NOMINATIONS**
 - a. Naomi Wright
- **SECOND VICE CHAIR NOMINATIONS**
 - a. Barbara Walters

Mr. Wartman informed the members they will have a month until the next meeting to email, fax, or call in their nominations to the Secretariat.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. **DRAFT RESOLUTION 6-06 RECOMMENDING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE FY 2006-2007 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

Oscar Camejo, MPO Project Manager, gave a brief overview of the UPWP.

Barbara Walters moved for the approval of the Resolution and the motion was seconded by Kenneth Carsto. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with one dissent.

B. **DRAFT RESOLUTION 7-06 RECOMMENDING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE FY 2007-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) WITH THE EXCLUSION OF THE EXCLUSION OF FDOT PROJECT NUMBER 4107261 - SOUTHBOUND ON AND OFF RAMPS TO I-95 AT NORTHWEST 14TH STREET**

Naomi Wright moved for the approval of the Resolution and the motion was seconded by Emma Pringle. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously

C. **DRAFT RESOLUTION 8-06 RECOMMENDING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT ALTERNATIVE 5: METRORAIL EXTENSION FROM THE DADELAND SOUTH METRORAIL STATION TO FLORIDA CITY AS THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (LPA) FOR THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS (SOUTH LINK) STUDY**

Naomi Wright moved for the approval of the Resolution and the motion was seconded by Jeffery Wander. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. THE WALKSAFE PROGRAM: FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)

Dr. Gillian Hotz, Director Neurotrauma Outcome Research Ryder Trauma Center, presented the WalkSafe Program to the Committee. Dr. Hotz conducted the presentation and discussed the following key factors:

- Supporters include FDOT, Fed Ex, and The Children's Trust
- National numbers of injuries
- Pedestrian Injuries and Fatalities in Miami-Dade County from 2000-2004
- WalkSafe Task Force started in 2001
- Injury prevention model the four E's: Education, Engineering, Enforcement, and Encouragement
- Community-Based Partnerships
- Study Phases I-VIII
- Intervention Schedule 2006
- High-Risk Areas
- Enforcement Issues
- Trauma Center Data

When the presentation concluded, the Chair opened up the floor for questions, comments, and concerns. After the discussion, CTAC member Richard Pulido made the following motion for a Resolution:

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORT THE WALKSAFE PROGRAM FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS) AND ADVISING THE BOARD THAT THE COMMITTEE IS MAKING AN INQUIRY TO THE M-DCPS SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM AND ENSURE ITS IMPLEMENTATION DISTRICT WIDE

The motion was seconded by Naomi Wright. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Staff was directed to send a cover letter with the Resolution to Dr. Rudolph "Rudy" Crews, M-DCPS Superintendent.

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

At this time the Chair allowed Mr. Joseph Platnick to speak regarding his issue because he was not present during Public Comments. Mr. Platnick expressed his displeasure of lanes being blocked by buses. He suggested bus pullout lanes be constructed to reduce traffic congestion caused by buses stopping for passengers. Ms. Naomi Wright informed Mr. Platnick that MDT is in the process of looking into establishing bus pullout lanes.

B. SUNGUIDE'S SMARTRAVELER 511

Mike Millard, SmarTraveler 511 Project Manager, provided an overview of the 511 program that included the following key factors:

- 511 was established the year 2000 by SmartRoute System
- FDOT District Six's role in the 511 Program
- Service is available 24-hours 7-days a week in three different languages
- Internet site in English and Spanish
- 511 provides information on road conditions from Key West to Brevard County
- 511 is one of the three ways the public can receive traffic information
- 511 has moved from a voice recording to interactive voice system

After the presentation, the Chair opened up the forum for questions, concerns, and comments.

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

The Chair's report was as follows:

- CTAC will be attending the Regional Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade MPO's on Wednesday, June 14, 2006 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Tri-Rail's Administrative Offices in Pompano Beach. This meeting is an additional meeting for the month. Details will be given closer to the meeting date. Dan Glickman, Community Involvement Roundtable CIR member, encouraged members and citizens to attend the Regional meeting.
- The April 27th MPO Governing Board Meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be May 25th at 2 PM here in the County Commission Chambers.
- Please remember to contact the Secretariat if you have any further Nominations for any of the three Officer positions. Nominations are open until the next meeting on Wednesday, May 24th.

IX. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

No reports were made.

X. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST

Mr. Rolando Acosta would like to get an update on the signs telling passengers when the next train will be arriving at Metrorail Stations.

Mr. Frank Hernandez read an article in the Miami Herald stating that two million dollars of taxpayer monies was approved to be spent on MIA's North Terminal train system. Mr. Hernandez requested more information regarding this issue.

Mr. Hernandez would like a MDT representative to explain the procedure of a bus bridge. Ms. Emma Pringle concurred with Mr. Hernandez on this request.

Mr. Hernandez also requested any future tunnel planning come before the Committee for discussion.

Mr. Jeffery Wander would like to host the July 26th CTAC meeting at the City of Homestead's Commission Chambers.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

*****MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM*****

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